

Expert Witness Report

Barbara Meier, et al v
Harmanpreet Buttar, Quigguo Tao, Timothy Tom,
Yu-po Jesse Chang, Yung Hsuan Yao, Dr. Says LLC, MD Reliance Inc., Office
Winsome LLC, and Universal Physicians PA

Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00615-ALM

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Ms. Morgan and Mr. Hines;

The following report is my review of documents provided to me by your firms in
the above referenced legal matter. My review examined the documented events



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and actions of Drs. Buttar, Tao, and Tom with specific attention to whether standards of care were met in the care of their patients prior to being admitted for inpatient psychiatric care. I reserve the right to amend this report should additional information become available.

My report is based on my qualifications as a practicing physician trained as an Internist and Psychiatrist for the last 15 years and my experience working in the field of telehealth. Further details regarding my qualifications can be found within my CV. I believe I am qualified to review this matter given my experience working with diverse populations of psychiatric patients across multiple phases of care including the use of technologies broadly defined as telemedicine or telehealth care. My fee schedule is \$500.00 per hour plus expenses. I have no prior history of serving as an expert witness.

Dr. Buttar

Materials Reviewed – Patient McPherson

- BHC-00000074 – 97
- CHANG 000209 – 10
- Buttar Deposition dated November 1, 2019
- PLTF 004334 – 75
- Millwood YM00041 – 42

Review and Opinion

My understanding is that Dr. Buttar was employed by Universal Physicians, PA supporting multiple hospitals. Her contracted duty was to facilitate the pre-



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admission phase of care for patients assessed to be in need of inpatient stabilization. The physician's role in satisfying this duty is to ensure that the admission is both appropriate and safely executed.

Satisfying admission criteria for psychiatric patients broadly involves the presence of one or more of three findings that the patient is (1) a danger to themselves, (2) a danger to others, and/ or (3) gravely disabled and unable to care for self.

Review of Ms. McPherson's file highlights an all too common phenomenon that many facilities lack 24-hour psychiatric physician coverage creating an access to care challenge. A common remedy is for psychiatric hospitals to contract with "overnight" (outside of daytime hours of operation) third-party physician services to (1) confirm the need for hospitalization based on the above-mentioned criteria, (2) mitigate any imminent medical or psychiatric risks impacting patient safety, and (3) ensure the safe arrival through coordinated communication with the receiving facility. Presuming the above occurs and the patient has been formally admitted, the inpatient psychiatric physician (typically a different physician) performs a full psychiatric evaluation soon after and assumes primary responsibilities for the inpatient phase of care.

Review of Dr. Buttar's care of Ms. McPherson reveals a clear declaration of active suicidality and report of recent attempt by overdose within the pre-admission evaluation also referred to as a Memorandum of Transfer (MOT) in the Record Log. A MOT is an administrative mechanism to ensure patient safety and quality of care when transferring a patient between facilities. As this mechanism is administrative rather than clinical, direct patient contact is not part of the process. A MOT serves as a structured checklist through which relevant



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members of the receiving facility staff (not just the physician) are notified and aware of an impending admission. As there was no mention of Ms. McPherson not arriving to the psychiatric facility or other transition challenge (i.e. Ms. McPherson safely arrived at the receiving facility), it is my opinion that **Dr. Buttar met the standard of care in facilitating the pre-admission of Ms. McPherson who was in need of inpatient stabilization with no mention of harm or adverse outcome prior to admission.**

To the issue of technology use and the role of telehealth, review of the Record Log reveals a very timely response by Dr. Buttar compared to conventional model response times. In fact, there was a minor delay on the emergency room side referenced in the log without which the physician response time would have been even shorter.

Dr. Tao

Materials Reviewed – Patients Meier, Green, Young, and Harvey

- Mayhill BM000124 – 27
- CHANG 000201 – 02
- CHANG 000227 – 28
- BHC 00000428 – 60
- CHANG 000229 – 30
- CHANG 000207
- PLTF 027124 – 96
- CHANG 000187 – 89
- CHANG 000206
- BHC 00000032 – 48



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- Millwood TH000020 – 21
- USMD Hospital at Arlington 00001 – 28

Review and Opinion

My understanding is that Dr. Tao was employed by Universal Physicians, PA supporting multiple hospitals with the same contractual expectations and duties as Dr. Buttar.

Review of Ms. Meier's pre-admission evaluation reveals overwhelming symptoms of depression and anxiety with specific reference to Ms. Meier being incapable of attending to basic activities of daily living. This constellation of challenges paints a clear picture of grave disability with moderate to high concern of risk to self despite denial of suicidality at the time of evaluation. Given this, **Dr. Tao has met the standard of care in confirming and facilitating the admission of Ms. Meier to an inpatient psychiatric facility for stabilization with no mention of harm or adverse outcome prior to admission.** Review of the Record Log reveals a very timely response to the request for pre-admission assessment.

Review of Ms. Green's pre-admission evaluation also referred to as a MOT in the Record Log reveals a report of suicide attempt by overdose in the context of severe symptoms of anxiety and depression. As this meets criteria for admission, **Dr. Tao has met the standard of care in confirming and facilitating the admission of Ms. Green to an inpatient psychiatric facility for stabilization with no mention of harm or adverse outcome prior to admission.** Review of the Record Log reveals a timely response to the request for pre-admission assessment.



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Review of Ms. Young's pre-admission evaluation also referred to as a MOT in the Record Log reveals active suicidality with a plan to cut herself. As this meets criteria for admission, **Dr. Tao has met the standard of care in confirming and facilitating the admission of Ms. Young to an inpatient psychiatric facility for stabilization with no mention of harm or adverse outcome prior to admission.** Review of the Record Log reveals a timely response to the request for pre-admission assessment.

Review of Mr. Harvey's documents reveals documentation for a Memorandum of Transfer (MOT). Dr. Tao is the identified accepting physician on the USMD MOT. Review of Dr. Tao's note reveals that Mr. Harvey presented with active suicidality and a plan to drive his car into a wall creating additional concern for inadvertent harm to others in addition to harm to himself. As this meets criteria for admission, **Dr. Tao has met the standard of care in confirming and facilitating the admission of Mr. Harvey to an inpatient psychiatric facility for stabilization with no mention of harm or adverse outcome prior to admission.** Review of the Record Log reveals a timely response to the request for MOT review.

Dr. Tom

Materials Reviewed – Patient Creel

- PLTF 011882
- PLTF 011883
- Bellaire DC000091 – 93
- PLTF 011884
- PLTF 011885



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- CHANG 000203 – 24
- Tom Deposition dated November 5, 2019
- Tom CV marked Exhibit 1 dated November 5, 2019
- Tom Document marked Exhibit 2 dated November 5, 2019 which is a compilation of Bellaire DC000091 – 93 and PLTF 011882 -85.

Review and Opinion

My understanding is that Dr. Tom was employed by Universal Physicians, PA supporting multiple hospitals with the same contractual expectations and duties as Drs. Buttar and Tao.

Review of Ms. Creel's pre-admission evaluation reveals progressively worsening mood and anxiety symptoms in addition to multiple other neurovegetative symptoms. Ms. Creel's report includes suicidal ideation with a plan to overdose which heightens the potential risk to self when compared to suicidality without a plan. As this meets criteria for admission, **Dr. Tom has met the standard of care in confirming and facilitating the admission of Ms. Creel to an inpatient psychiatric facility for stabilization with no mention of harm or adverse outcome prior to admission.** Review of the Record Log reveals a timely response to the request for pre-admission assessment.

A key aspect to this patient file was the initiation of legal proceedings to involuntarily admit Ms. Creel for inpatient stabilization. There was initially insufficient information in the documents provided to comment on the details and circumstances that led up to the decision to admit Ms. Creel involuntarily. Presumably, the patient refused the offer of inpatient stabilization which placed Dr. Tom in the difficult position to advocate for his patient for her own safety. The



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necessary documents to initiate an involuntary admission appear complete and fully executed. I understand from our previous discussions that Ms. Creel's inpatient psychiatric physician initiated an identical application for emergency detention which appears to confirm both the need for admission and Ms. Creel's refusal of inpatient stabilization. Review of Ms. Creel's deposition revealed a different recounting of events and circumstances which included discharge from Memorial Hermann with a safety plan and presentation to the Behavioral Hospital of Bellaire (BHB) 2 days later. Notably, Ms. Creel denies ever having encountered Dr. Tom during the pre-encounter phase despite the documentation from both Dr. Tom and BHB.

Additional Documentation

Additional documentation provided by your firms was also reviewed related to Dr. Chang, Chang related defendants, and multiple plaintiffs. These documents were assessed to be largely unrelated to the question of standard of care pre-admission. This second batch of documents included:

- Professional Contractor Services Agreement for Drs. Buttar, Tao, and Tom
- Dr. Buttar Deposition
- Dr. Chang Deposition
- Diane Creel Deposition
- Diane Creel documents including Medical Records from Memorial Hermann and Behavioral Hospital of Bellaire, Letter from Texas Medical Board (TMB), Certificate of Medical Examination and Order of Protective Custody (OPC), Letter to UHS, Letter from Kepro, Display Graphics Monthly Sales Report, and Expense Report Post Hospitalization.
- Lynn Creel Deposition



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- Jalisa Green Deposition
- Jalisa Green documents including Journal handwritten in a marble composition notebook, Additional Journal Entries, Documents from Millwood Hospital, Order for Physician Examination, Application for Temporary Mental Health Services, and OPC.
- Becky Cipolla Harvey Deposition
- Troy Anthony Harvey documents including USMD medical records, Letter from Millwood Hospital, and Letter from Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Troy Anthony Harvey Deposition
- Troy Anthony Harvey documents including Medical Records from USMD, Behavioral Health Connections, Millwood Hospital, AMR, Arlington Counseling, and Therapy Services and Expense Report attributed to Mr. Harvey.
- Yolanda McPherson Deposition
- Yolanda McPherson documents including Statement from Psychiatric Medical Associates, Medical records from Millwood Hospital including a Statement, Magazine Subscription order for Ellen Pilcher, Prescription from Dr. Doti, Phone Records of Benjamin McPherson, and Letter from Aetna.
- Cindy Meier Roschen Deposition
- Cindy Meier Roschen documents including Photographs, Notes attributed to Vern, Notes attributed to Cindy, Texting thread between Ms. Roschen and Govinda Hough, and Petition for and Decree of Divorce from Vernon and Barbara Meier.
- Yung Hsuan Yao Deposition
- Tiffany Young Deposition
- Tiffany Young documents including Medical Records from Hickory Trail Hospital, Checklist to Appeal a Discharge, and Request for Tax Return.



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Concluding Statements

Review of the case documents broadly, particularly the depositions, revealed some notions that warrant further clarification.

Pre-admission physician services as described above would fall under the regulatory guidance of Texas Administrative Code 174.9 Provision of Mental Health Services. This code, pursuant to the Medical Practice Act, grants the TMB authority in promulgating the rules concerning mental health service provision.

The TMB requires that all individuals, including physicians, be properly licensed or certified to perform health care services. There is no mention of specialty training as a requirement. I believe this is intended to both recognize the critical shortage of psychiatrically trained physicians here in Texas and an intention to avoid overly prescriptive regulations which risks unintended consequences. This regulatory guidance reflects the current reality that nearly all physicians and especially primary care physicians manage mental health issues in their routine clinical practices.

TAC 174.9 also clearly permits the use of telecommunications or information technology in order to care for a patient in a geographically different location. Often referred to as telemedicine or telehealth, the foundational requirement is the establishment of a provider/ patient relationship which can be done with telecommunications or information technology. As a physician, program developer, and advocate in the field of telemedicine/ telehealth for 15 years, I can attest to the power and value of telecommunications and information technology in addressing the significant access to care challenges faced by Texans and others around, above, and beneath the world today.



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In conclusion, it is my opinion that the above-mentioned defendants did nothing to proximately cause harm to the plaintiffs.

If you should require any clarification, additional review, or further discussion of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J Kim', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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2018 May 17	mHealth Intelligence – A Telepsychiatrist Talks About the Power of mHealth Technology
2017 November	A Wellthy Life – Personal Blog
2017 November	Fiscal Notes – Telemedicine in Practice, Austin doctor sees benefit in virtual caregiving
2017 September	MegaDoctor News – TMA Supported Bill Clarifies Murkiness Surrounding Telemedicine
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2017 August	Texas Medicine – Thinking Big – Charting the Texas Legislature: Mental Health
2017 July 12	fourprice.org – New Law Shapes the Future of Telemedicine in Texas
2017 June 15	Houston Chronicle – Telemedicine Industry Expects Boost From the New Texas Law
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2017 May 31	Dallas Morning News – Cheaper, faster health care? Teladoc, telemedicine finally have open path in Texas
2017 May 18	Texas Standard – Telemedicine Bill One Step Closer to Governor's Desk
2017 April 24	Business Wire – Medici Launches in US to Change the Way Doctors and Patients Communicate
2017 April 20	Medici Newsroom – Texas Telemedicine Bill Clears a Path Forward
2016 Oct 28	Houston Chronicle – Regulators Crack Down on Telemedicine, Denying Patient Options
2016 Oct 17	POLITICO - After Teladoc Fight, Texas Medical Board Director Joins Telemedicine Effort
2016 July	Texas Medicine – The Future Calls
2016 May 19	Texas Tribune Event. Houston, TX - Do We Have Enough Doctors?
2016 April 27	KXAN - Mental Health Worker Shortage Impacting Texans
2016	Med2You Blog - Contributor
2016 April 13	Dallas Morning News – Why more Texans will visit their doctors online
2014 July	Texas Medicine - Cover Story – Digital Doctor
2014 Jun 7	"Tops Docs and the CEO" Radio Medical Talk Show KIVA 1600 AM 95.6 FM "Rock of Talk" Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
2013-2014	Walters Physician Incubator - Blog Master
2010	EHR Podcast Series. Physicians Practice, Infocenter, EHR Stimulus.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

TEACHING

2011-2015	University of Texas at Austin • Adjunct Faculty Faculty Heath IT Certificate Program Public Health Leader Certificate in Informatics Program Mentor Health IT Certificate Program
2006-2009	JHM Evidence Based Medicine Lecture Series • Lecturer
2006-2007	JHM Consult Medicine Lecture Series • Lecturer

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2006-2007	JHSoM Patient, Physician, & Society • Faculty Moderator
2006-2007	ACP Medical Student Mentors Program • Mentor
2005-2007	JHBMC General Medicine Consult Service • Attending
2003-2004	Tulane GIM Scientific Writing Workshop • Facilitator
2003-2004	Tulane IM Residency Ambulatory Conference • Director
2001-2003	Tulane Heme Onc Fellowship Didactic Series • Lecturer
2001-2002	SE Louisiana Hospital • Medical Staff CME • Lecturer
1999-2004	Tulane Medicine Residency Didactic Series • Lecturer
1999-2004	Tulane School of Medicine Psychiatry Clerkship • Lecturer
1998-2004	Tulane School of Medicine • Medical Interviewing Preceptor
1998-2004	Tulane School of Medicine • Clinical Diagnosis Preceptor
1998-2000	Tulane Department of Psychiatry • Grand Rounds Speaker
1997-1998	Tulane School of Pub Health • INHL Curriculum Developer
1996-2002	Tulane Program for Professional Values and Ethics in Medicine Founding Student Member, Resident Representative
1995-1998	Tulane Community Medicine • BLS Instructor, ATLS Coordinator

EDITORIAL

2015-Present	Texas Medicine • Reviewer
2012-Present	Health Services Research Journal • Reviewer
2011	Louisiana Board of Regents, Office of Sponsored Programs • Reviewer
2004	Journal of Psychiatric Research • Reviewer
2004	Psychosomatic Medicine • Reviewer
2004	Journal of General Internal Medicine • Reviewer
2003	MedGenMed (www.medscape.com) • Reviewer
2003	The Primary Care Companion to The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry • Reviewer

MENTORING

2015	George Osuchukwu, MD – TMA Leadership College Mentee
2015	Tori Miller – Texas Tech, MS Clinical Practice Management Candidate
2015	Madelyne Snyder – University of Colorado, MPH Candidate
2011	Multiple – University of Texas, Health IT Certificate Program
2009-2011	Azizeh Nuriddin, Emory University, MPH Candidate

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES**INSTITUTIONAL**

2010-2014	University of Texas Advisory Council • HIT Task Force, Co-Chair
2008	JH CIQPC • Quality Innovators Working Group
2006	JH Faculty Development Program • Teaching Skills Part I
2005-2007	JHBMC Teamwork Lunch Committee • Member
2004-2010	LA Dept of Juvenile Corrections • Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
2015-Present	Texas Medical Board - Telemedicine Stakeholders Group
2016	Univ of Texas at Austin, Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health Alliance for Adolescent Recovery and Treatment in TX Strategic Planning Group

GOVERNMENTAL

2017	US HHS – CMS Quality Payment Program – Usability Reviewer
2016	TX HHSC – EPCS Stakeholder Workgroup
2014-2016	TX Dept. of Insurance – Independent Review Organizations Advisory Group
2013-Present	Texas Medical Association
	2013-2014 Vice Chair Senate District 14, Board of Directors
	03/26/13 Testimony HB 2017 – Telephonic Consultation Parity
	04/07/15 Testimony HB 2172 (Telehealth), HB 2348 (Telephony)
	02/10/16 Testimony Committee on Public Health
	Telemedicine in Texas
	04/27/16 Testimony House Select Committee on Mental Health
	State of Mental Health in Texas
	06/16/16 Testimony Senate Committee on HHS
	Improving Access to Care Through Telehealth
	02/28/17 Testimony HB 10 – Mental Health Parity
	03/28/17 Testimony HB 2697 – Telemedicine
	06/29/18 Testimony Committee on Public Health
	Critical Access Hospitals and Telemedicine
	10/03/18 Testimony on Committee on Prescribing and Dispensing
	Controlled Substances
	02/12/19 Testimony House Appropriations Subcommittee on Article II
2007-2009	US Congressional Oversight and Government Reform Committee
	Health Information Technology Empowerment Task Force Member
2004-2007	LA DHH Office of Mental Health Project Legacy
	Telemedicine Implementation Work Group Member

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES/ ORGANIZATIONS

	All Healers Mental Health Alliance • Past Member
	American Association for Technology in Psychiatry • Member
	American College of Physicians • Member
2006-2007	Professional Development Program • Mentor
	American Psychiatric Association • Member
2008-2010	APA Liaison to ATA
2008-2009	Corresponding Committee on Information Technology • Member
2008	APA/ NAMI Course “Increasing Access to Quality Depression Care for Diverse and Underserved Populations” • Planning Committee Member
	American Public Health Association • Past Member
2008-2010	Health Informatics Information Technology Committee
	American Telemedicine Association • Member
2015	ATA Peer Review Committee
2011-Present	ATA Standards and Guidelines Work Group
2011-Present	MH SIG Policy Work Group
2008-Present	ATA Mental Health SIG • Member
2008-Present	Mental Health Standards and Guidelines Committee
2008-2010	ATA Liaison to APA
	Association of Medicine and Psychiatry • Past Member

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The Center for Business Innovation • Summit on Behavioral Telehealth

2007-2008 Program Advisory Committee

Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association • Past Member

Louisiana State Medical Society • Past Member

Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative • Past Member

Society of General Internal Medicine • Past Member

2005 Annual Meeting • Scientific Abstract Review Committee

2004 Southern Meeting • Medical Education Abstract Session Moderator

Texas Medical Association • Member

2019-Present Committee on Health Information Technology

2019-Present Subcommittee on Behavioral Health

2018-Present Working Group in Firearms

2018-Present Reference Committee on Maternal Health

2016-2019 Ad Hoc Committee on HIT Member

2016-Presents TMA HoD Speaker Advisory Committee Member

2015-Present Council on Legislation

2018-19 Workgroups – Opioids, HIT, Medical Records, Maternal Health

2016 Liaison to Committee on HIT

2015 Telemedicine Policy Work Group

2015-Present TMA Technology Strategy Consultant

2015-Present TMA Leadership College Mentor

2014-Present Council on Science and Public Health

2014-19 Behavioral Health Task Force

2016 Criminal Justice Workgroup

2014-Present TCMS / TMA Speaker's Bureau

2013-2015 Council on Health Service Organizations

2012-2013 TMA Leadership College Scholar

Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians • Member

Travis County Medical Society • Member

2017-Present TMA House of Delegates – TCMS Delegate

2014-Present TCMS / TMA Speaker's Bureau

2012-2017 TMA House of Delegates – TCMS Alternate Delegate

2012-Present Medical Legislation Committee

Tulane Musser Burch Alumni Society • Member

VOLUNTEER

Lamar Middle School – Austin, TX

2019-Present Performance Coach

Highland Park Elementary Archery Team – Austin, TX

2018-Present Performance Coach

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd – Austin, TX

2014-Present Lay Chaplain for Children's Chapel

2014 Lay Mentor Committee for Graduate Seminary Student

2014 Children's Choir Advisory Group

Boy Scouts of America – Austin, TX

2015-2019 Pack 59 Assistant Den Leader

2017-2019 Pack 59 Cub Master

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i9 Sports Youth Sports League – Austin, TX
2013-2017 Volunteer Coach

RECOGNITION

2019	Scouts BSA Capital Area Council Armadillo District Norm Hummell Award of Excellence
2019	NASP Elementary Division State Champion Archery Team
2013	TMA Leadership College • Valedictorian
2010	ATA Mental Health SIG • Recognition Award
2007	AHMHA • Gulf Coast 'Hero of Healing'
2007	SU International Center for IT and Development • Honorary Member
2007	AATP Annual Meeting • Stangler Innovator of the Year
2004	APA Research Colloquium for Junior Investigators • Scholar
2000-2001	Owl Club Teaching Award • Honorable Mention Psychiatry Resident
1999-2002	TMS FIM • Outstanding Medical Interviewing Preceptor
1998-1999	Owl Club Teaching Award • Outstanding Psychiatry Intern
1998	John W. Bick Award • Outstanding Achievement and Promise in Psychiatry
1994-1998	TUSPH&TM • Combined MD / MPH Scholarship Award